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FOR IDENTIFYING AND
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Election of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §121

In the Office Action dated September 8, 2003, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Claims 1-8, 77-82, and 91-96 (Group I), Claims 105-122 (Group II), Claims 123-132 (Group III), Claims 133-148 (Group IV), Claims 149-158 (Group V), Claims 9-18, 83-90, 97-104 (Group VI), Claims 19-30 and 45-59 (Group VII), and Claims 31-44 and 60-76 (Group VIII). In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-8, 77-82, and 91-96.

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